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BELORUSSIAN INDUSTRY FULFILLS SECOND-QUARTER PLAN

The Statistics Administration Belorussian SSR announces the results of the fulfillment of the second-quarter 1949 plan.

Belorussian industry fulfilled 103 percent of the second-quarter gross-production plan. Gross production of all Belorussian industry during the second quarter 1949 was 49 percent greater than during the corresponding period of last year. Oblasts of the Belorussian SSR fulfilled the second-quarter gross-production plan as follows:

	<u>Percent</u>	<u>2nd Quarter 49</u> in % of <u>2nd Quarter 48</u>
Paranovich's Oblast	95	131
Bobruysk Oblast	102	137
Brest Oblast	103	141
Vitebsk Oblast	104	152
Gomel' Oblast	100.4	158
Grodno Oblast	94	134
Minsk Oblast (excluding Minsk City)	105	148
Minsk City	105	151
Magilev Oblast	97	120
Molodechno Oblast	94	126
Pinsk Oblast	115	139
Poles's'ye Oblast	96	150
Polotsk Oblast	95	136

Bobruysk, Brest, Vitebsk, Gomel, Minsk, and Pinsk oblasts and the City of Minsk fulfilled the gross-production plan as a whole but failed to complete the plan for a number of important industrial products.

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Bobruysk Oblast failed to fulfill the plan for hauling commercial timber, for plywood, wheels, brick, lime, tile, and butter; Brest Oblast -- electric power, hauling of commercial timber, brick, and lime; Vitebsk Oblast -- knitted outer garments, shoes, paper, and logging of commercial timber; Gomel' Oblast -- window glass, standard houses, construction nails and screws, hosiery, and margarine; Minsk Oblast -- brick, furniture, cardboard, aluminum dishware, meat, and butter; Pinsk Oblast -- hauling of commercial timber, wheels, alcohol, and brick; and the City of Minsk -- several types of machine tools, knitted wear, and lumber.

Union-republic and republic industry of Belorussian ministries fulfilled the second-quarter gross-production plan as follows:

	<u>Percent</u>	<u>2d Quarter 49 in % of 2d Quarter 48</u>
Ministry of Construction Materials Industry	104	131
Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry (plant and factory industry)	111	157
Ministry of Light Industry	108	150
Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry	92	132
Ministry of Food Industry	112	149
Including:		
Republic industry	113	146
Rayon industry	75	269
Ministry of Local Industry	99	153
Including:		
Republic industry	94	168
Rayon industry	103	139
Ministry of Local Fuel Industry	101	131
Main Administration of Fish Industry, Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR	90	133

The second-quarter 1949 production plan for the most important industrial products was fulfilled as follows:

	<u>Percent</u>	<u>2d Quarter 49 in % of 2d Quarter 48</u>
Electric power	99	140
Peat	107	126
Bricks	80	158
Lime	77	117
Lumber	96	108
Matches	108	168
Paper	102	205
Gang saws	114	330
Cast-iron pipes	88	360
Nails	96	112
Radio receivers	103	124
Hard leather goods	83	133
Chrome leather	93	129
Shoes	104	164
Wool fabric	100.8	207
Hosiery	98	157
Knitted underwear	107	197
Knitted outer garments	69	109
Confectionery	110	206
Butter	103	106
Household soap	99.8	138

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The Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry fulfilled the second-quarter gross-production plan for factory and plant industry and the quantity-of-production plan for the majority of products. The quarter forest-exploitation plan was not fulfilled. The following ministries which fulfilled the gross-production plan failed to complete the quantity-of-production plan for some products: Ministry of Light Industry -- leather goods, hosiery, tea glasses, and lightbulb glasses; Ministry of Food Industry -- macaroni products, coffee, starch, and beer; and Ministry of Construction Materials Industry -- brick, lime, and tile. The following ministries and administration failed to complete either the gross-production plan or the quantity-of-production plan for some important products: Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry, Ministry of Local Industry, and Main Administration of Fish Industry of the Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR.

Although Industrial Cooperatives completed the second-quarter gross-production plan 100.4 percent, they failed to complete the quantity-of-production plan for a number of important products, including: brick, lime, iron-rimmed wheels, beds, soap, leather goods, fabrics, hosiery, and knitted outer garments.

Although Invalids' Cooperatives, Belorussian SSR, completed the quarter gross-production 100.1 percent, they did not complete the quantity of production plan for the following products: nails, metal dishware, beds, soap, shoes, and knitted wear.

The second-quarter capital construction plan was completed 92 percent by the republic as a whole, including, 86 percent of the plan for capital construction under republic administration. The following union-republic and republic ministries and departments fulfilled and exceeded the second-quarter capital construction plan: Ministries of Health, Cinematography, and Reclamation, Main Administration of Fish Industry of the Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR, Administration of Arts of the Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR, Ministry of Automobile Transport, Ministry of Housing and Administrative Construction by Local Soviets. The Ministry of Housing and Civilian Construction, Main Administration for Restoration of Minsk City of the Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR, and Main Administration of Construction of Industrial Enterprises also fulfilled and exceeded the plan for their own capital investment.

Republic contracting organizations fulfilled the second-quarter production plan for contract building and assembly work as follows:

	Percent	2d Quarter 49 in % of 2d Quarter 48
Ministry of Housing and Civilian Construction	104	135
Main Administration for Restoration of Minsk City	102	98
Main Administration of Construction of Industrial Enterprises	100	104
Including:		
"Beltraktorstroy" (Belorussian Tractor Plant Construction) Trust No 1	101	104
Ministry of Local Industry ("Belgomestpromstroy" Trust)	68	212

Republic kolkhozes carried out the spring sowing plan on a higher agricultural level than last year: the sowing of cereal crops was completed 15 days earlier, 100 percent more land was sown by drills, and two thirds of all sowing was carried out for autumn plowing. The plan for sowing supplementary feed was exceeded by 60 percent. Harrowing for winter crops was carried out on 170,000 more hectares, 1,300,000 tons more manure and 1,400,000 tons more peat were exported, and fallowing was accomplished on 13,000 more hectares than last year.

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The second-quarter retail commodity turnover plan was completed 99.2 percent by all Belorussian trade organizations.

Consumers' cooperatives fulfilled 105 percent and local markets 93 percent of the plan.

In June, the market prices in kolkhoz markets in Belorussian oblast centers were lower, in comparison with the corresponding period of 1948, by the following amounts: beef 37 percent, pork 36 percent, fresh butter 27 percent, and flour 52 percent.

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